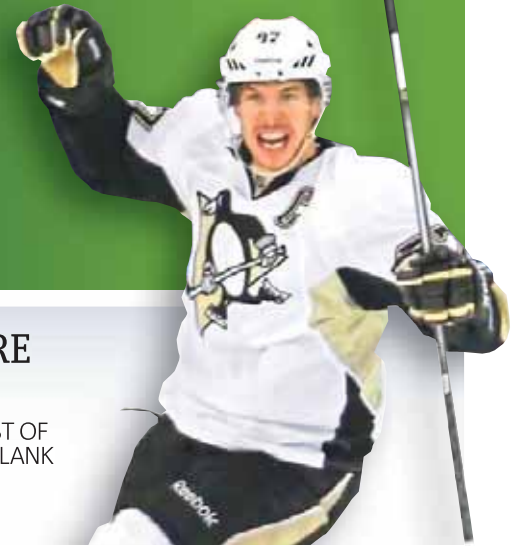


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## Flying club honours downed pilot

Maryanne Hardman described as passionate, meticulous **PAGE 3**

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## Show's got snap, crackle and Poppins

Neptune extends wildly popular Disney adaptation **PAGE 8**

## THAT'S MORE LIKE IT, SID

CROSBY SCORES FIRST OF PLAYOFFS AS PENS BLANK RANGERS AGAIN **PAGE 25**



## MAKING MELODIES

Teacher Lisa Jarvis sings with students from Harbour View elementary school in Dartmouth on Monday. The performance was part of Music Monday, which also included various concerts by schools across Canada to emphasize the importance of music education. **PATRICK MCKENNA/FOR METRO**

# Could ferries go to the dogs?

**Public session.** Residents recommend letting furry friends on harbour rides

Metro Transit staffers are sniffing around the possibility of allowing dogs on harbour ferries.

The suggestion was one of several that emerged from the recent "Downtown ... I'm In!" public event, during which Halifax residents offered ideas for making the urban core more liveable.

"I understand the impetus behind why somebody would want to do that," said Metro Transit director, and dog owner, Eddie Robar. "The question is, can we do it?"

Service dogs are currently allowed on HRM buses and ferries, as is any dog or animal that's contained in a crate.

Robar said the transit staff is investigating ways to mitigate logistical concerns — such as allergies, space and behaviour

— around larger leashed animals, in an effort to bring more people from Dartmouth to the downtown core.

"There's good walking paths and a great boardwalk and things like that on the other side of the harbour," he said. "Obviously people would want to interact with that, and take their pets and animals with them as well."

Robar said the review, expected later this year, will examine transit practices in Canada and around the globe.

emerged from the public sessions will be presented, along with a response from staff, to the municipal Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) committee on Thursday.

The ideas address everything from better street lighting to improved bike infrastructure to oversized game boards in public spaces.

Some of the suggestions are already being addressed or will be addressed this year, according to the staff report, while

### Ruff to control

**"The more pets you let on board, the more issues you may have with allergies, space during peak hours, fare issues ... Obviously sometimes messes become an issue as well."** Metro Transit director Eddie Robar

"People do it around the world, and the question is how do they do it," he said. "There's great opportunity with it, that's for sure."

The list of suggestions that

others — like dog-friendly ferries — will need further study.

The complete "Downtown ... I'm In!" report can be found on the CPED online agenda.

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# Halifax woman killed in crash an 'excellent pilot'

**Maryanne Hardman.**  
Flying club remembers  
much-loved member

A flying club in Hants County has lost a member whose love of aviation stood out even among fellow pilots.

Kevin Layden, president of Stanley Sport Aviation, says the pilot killed in an ultralight plane crash near the Stanley Airport on Sunday afternoon was a beloved member of the club.

"Loved to fly — was at Stanley every chance she got," he said.

Maryanne Hardman was the pilot killed in the crash. RCMP released her name the morning after the accident.

The 50-year-old woman from the Halifax area had been a member of Stanley Sport Aviation for five years, Layden said.

"One fellow said, 'I don't know how I'm going to tell my wife,' and he said 'I'm just sick to my stomach.'"

Layden was told the downed ultralight plane was discovered by two Stanley Sport Aviation members who took to the sky Sunday upon hearing Hardman was overdue from a morning flight.

The plane Hardman was piloting landed in a wooded area near a gravel pit close to the airport. Emergency responders were called to the scene around 1 p.m.

It is almost impossible to tell what caused the crash until the investigation con-



Maryanne Hardman is shown in this 2011 photo, taken after she organized the Stanley Sport Aviation Association's 40th annual Fly-In aviation celebration.  
HANTS JOURNAL FILE

cludes, Layden said.

"Even if you were an experienced pilot, and you witnessed a crash, you'd probably get it wrong."

Layden said he is aware of three fatalities associated with another club that no longer flies out of the airport, but this crash marks a tragic first for Stanley Sport Aviation.

"This is the first casualty in the history of the club."

Airport manager Bob Poir-

ier said the club has been operating for roughly 46 years without a fatality. Safety regulations are in place, and enforced, at the rural East Hants airport dating back to the Second World War, he added.

Hardman's death came as a shock to Poirier.

"I've flown with her several times," he said. "She was very meticulous and very safe and an excellent pilot."

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## Stanley Airport

### Two previous crashes

Transport Canada's Civil Aviation Daily Occurrence Reporting System (CADORS) contains documents pertaining to two prior fatal plane crashes at the Stanley Airport.

A pilot operating a privately owned Cirrus glider died after his aircraft crashed into trees to the right of Runway 20 shortly after lift-off in May 2002. In July 2004, a glider pilot operating within the Bluenose Soaring Club was fatally injured after losing control of the aircraft.

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# Local navy officer pleads guilty to post desertion

**Incident.** Lt. Derek De Jong left location while vessel was docked in Florida

An officer in the Royal Canadian Navy who pleaded guilty to desertion testified Monday that he left his post on a ship after he was subjected to deplorable behaviour that included a colleague urinating on his cabin floor.

Lt. Derek De Jong, 43, told a court martial that while he was wrong to leave his post aboard HMCS Preserver, he was harassed and his commanding officer failed to properly investigate his concerns.

De Jong left the supply vessel on Sept. 17, 2012, while it was docked in Key West, Fla., and he returned to Halifax, where he turned himself in to military police.

He said there were a series of incidents leading up to his desertion that began in late August that year.

On Aug. 20, De Jong had a conflict with another crew member over the handling of alleged misbehaviour by a female subordinate, he told his sentencing hearing.

The next day, a female officer came into his cabin while he was still asleep, pulled down her pants, squatted and urinated on the floor, he said.

De Jong said he reported the incident to the supply officer and the ship's commanding officer but no formal inquiry resulted.

He said a senior officer



Lt. Derek De Jong arrives at his court martial in Halifax on Monday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

later joked, "Some men have to pay for a service like that," and a sign was briefly attached to his cabin door that said, "Women's head," a reference to a nautical term for a woman's bathroom.

"I don't think people should have to tolerate this kind of behaviour," De Jong said Monday.

"It's not a norm in Canadian society that we treat

each other this way."

He said after the incident he felt he was working in a "toxic" environment, and he heard second-hand that he was no longer welcome in the wardroom among officers and other colleagues.

On the day before he deserted, he advised his superior officers against giving an excessive amount of alcohol to 270 crew members

to celebrate the completion of their military operation in the Caribbean, the court martial heard.

"It was enough alcohol to get all of them very, very drunk," he testified.

But he said his advice was ignored and as a result, some sailors became so inebriated that they had to be returned to the ship by local police. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## North Preston. Man charged with gang sexual assault denied bail

An 18-year-old man facing sexual assault and human trafficking charges after a 15-year-old girl was confined in a North Preston home has been denied bail.

Doreze Marvin Beals was one of two 18-year-old men arrested and charged with a long list of offences including gang sexual assault, uttering threats, kidnapping, unlawful confinement, procuring illicit sex and sexual assault causing bodily harm in April.

Police were called to North Preston for reports of shots fired at a home on Clarence Street just before 9 p.m. on April 10. They found the young victim, who told police she'd been held in the basement of another home on the street for two days before she escaped.

One of the two suspects was arrested in the area on Thurs-



Doreze Marvin Beals METRO

day evening. The second was arrested in Windsor.

Police have said the human trafficking charges are related to their suspicion that Beals and his co-accused, Andre Jerome Gray, were going to force the 15-year-old girl into prostitution.

Beals also faces charges of assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon and breach of probation. His next court appearance is in June.

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## Reg Rankin. Councillor in court to face charges of driving impaired

A Halifax regional councillor appeared in court Monday to face drunk-driving charges after a car struck his home in March.

Coun. Reg Rankin, who represents the Timberlea area, was arraigned in Halifax provincial court on charges of impaired driving and having a blood-alcohol content over the legal limit.

Rankin was arrested after RCMP officers were called to a home on Maplewood Drive in Timberlea on March 26 evening.

RCMP spokesman, Cpl. Scott MacRae, said that a car driven by a 64-year-old man had been backing into the driveway and




Doreze Marvin Beals METRO


struck the residence.

Rankin, 64, will return to court on May 30.

He has been on a leave of absence from regional council since early April.

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## Fire crew extinguish shed blaze

Firefighters douse a shed with water after it had become fully engulfed in flames behind a residence on Leaman Street in Dartmouth on Monday. The fire broke out just before 2 p.m. and was quickly controlled.

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# Cops mum on lack of charges

**Matthew Sudds.** Two people were arrested in connection to the murder case, but both were released



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Police in Halifax are giving few details about what led them to arrest and then release two people in connection with the shooting death of Matthew Thomas Sudds last week.

A 29-year-old Halifax man and 23-year-old Halifax woman now living in Ontario were arrested Friday and released Saturday because there was not enough evidence to press charges, said police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

"We need probable and reasonable grounds to proceed to an arrest, but there's a thresh-

### Unsolved murders

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Number of unsolved murders from last year in HRM

old that's even higher to be able to lay charges," Bourdages said Monday.

"In this case that threshold was not there."

Bourdages would not comment on whether the pair remain suspects in the case, but said the investigation is continuing.

Police found Sudds' body in a ditch on Africville Road on Oct. 14, 2013. Investigators say he was shot and killed there on the evening of Oct. 10, shortly after he was seen by friends.

In early March, police issued a public appeal for help from anyone who saw a black Dodge Charger with out-of-province plates on Africville Road after 6

p.m. on Oct. 14.

In April, the Department of Justice added the case to its provincial rewards program, with anyone who provides information to police that led to an arrest or conviction receiving up to \$150,000.

"Any murder is of great concern to us," said Bourdages.

Sudds had criminal convictions dating back to February of 2008 for drug possession and trafficking, liquor possession, breaching court conditions and uttering threats.



Matthew Sudds FACEBOOK

## Robberies keep police busy

Halifax RCMP are looking for a suspect in one robbery, and made two arrests in another.

Police say in the first incident a man walked into the Lawton's Drug Store on St. Margaret's Bay Road around 6:40 p.m. and threatened a female employee with a syringe

and demanded prescription drugs. She gave him some and the suspect fled, possibly in a vehicle, according to police.

A few minutes later, Mounties in Cole Harbour responded to a robbery behind Cole Harbour Place. Police

say a 14-year-old boy was approached by a group of teens and a 16-year-old suspect threatened the victim before stealing a cellphone, keys and cigarettes.

Two minors have been arrested in connection with the incident. **METRO**

# Good Samaritans find and return about \$2,500

It's a story that is sure to make you smile.

The RCMP are praising the good deeds of four people who got out of their vehicles to pick up a large amount of cash scattered along the Beaver Bank Road on Sunday morning.

All tolled, it's estimated anywhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 was collected — from both cash and cheques.

"That's definitely not any small amount of money," said Halifax RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae. "It's a good news story, certainly."

Police say around 11 a.m., a man driving spotted the money after a \$100 bill

hit his windshield, and was then joined by three other motorists in collecting the cash and a nearby wallet, which also had money in it.

The Good Samaritans included a woman and three men, who ranged in age from 32 and 66.

The man who first found the money collected everything and dropped it off at the Sackville RCMP detachment, where police then reached out to the owner of the wallet using identification found inside.

Shortly after leaving a voice mail, police heard back from a woman who stated her father, who is from New Brunswick, had

### Paying it forward

**"It's not something that happens every day."**

Halifax RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae

lost his wallet. The money and the wallet were then returned to him.

"He was very pleased," MacRae said of the owner. "He was appreciative of the kindness and generosity of what these people did."

MacRae said it's unclear how the money got where it did, but it's possible the man left the wallet on top of his car while driving.

**PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**

### Highway 104

## Victim of fatal crash identified

The Mounties have identified the victim of a fatal minivan crash in Nova

Scotia's Pictou County.

The RCMP say 38-year-old Craig Alexander MacNeil of Antigonish died after he lost control of his vehicle Sunday on Highway 104.

MacNeil was driving

eastbound near Broadway around 7 a.m. when his vehicle crossed the centre line and crashed into a ditch near the westbound lane. The cause of the crash is under investigation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Professional arts groups still in running for core grants

**Funding.** Committee gives groups a chance, rather than referring them to new body



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Professional arts organizations that may be considered for funding under a new municipal

program will still be considered under the core Community Grants program this year.

HRM's Grants Committee voted Monday in favour of a staff suggestion to consider 14 professional arts organizations for funding this year, rather than deferring them to the newly created HRM Professional Arts Grants Program.

Peta-Jane Temple, who leads the Community Grants program, said staff originally recommended deferring the

## Grant seekers

# 125

The total number of organizations that applied for Community Grants this year

14 groups but reversed course because the criteria under the new program may not be ready until late summer or early fall.

"So there's that element of these groups being placed at a disadvantage by not consid-

ering them this year," Temple said.

The committee approved grant awards totalling \$382,625 to 53 local non-profits Monday, leaving a balance of \$117,375 available for disbursement.

Because the groups may apply for both community grants and the new program, Temple said there's a possibility of double-funding — but she emphasized it's a situation that will occur only in this transition year.

## Doling out the cash

## Not much to go around

Local non-profits asked for nearly \$1.3 million in grants this year, say city staff.

The Community Grants program has a total budget of only \$500,000, so the program lead told the Grants

Committee there are bound to be disappointed applicants. Of those getting money, most are receiving less than they asked for.

Each application is also scored out of 100; this year HRM received its first-ever perfect-score submission, from L'Acadie de Chezzet-cook Association. **METRO**



## Keep an umbrella handy, but no need to bust out the galoshes

A pedestrian heads across Young Avenue in Halifax through light rain on Monday. Environment Canada is calling for light rain on Tuesday and clearing skies for Wednesday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

## Halifax Port

## Correction, May 5

About 230,000 cruise ship passengers and crew are expected in Halifax this season, according to the Halifax Port Authority, not 31,000 as reported in the May 5 edition. Each ship will bring over 1,500 visitors. **METRO**

## \$1.2-million loss

## Province sells asphalt plant

Nova Scotia has sold its mobile asphalt plant for \$2.4 million, about \$1.2 million less than it paid for it three years ago.

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# Practically perfect Mary Poppins gets show extended another week

**'Hugely successful.'**

Neptune Theatre adds four more performances

Following an original run that has been practically perfect in every way, Neptune Theatre announced on Monday they will extend Mary Poppins by an extra week to prolong the magical nanny's stay in Halifax.

Jenna Rathbun, spokeswoman for the downtown Halifax theatre, said they've gotten "a lot of positive reaction" for the show and saw full houses for every performance to date.

"We're really excited," Rathbun said. "The story is so great. It's appealing to families, to kids, but then also to adults as well because it's such a classic."

Rathbun said the show's popularity likely comes from a mix of people who know the Disney film with Julie Andrews, the original P.L. Travers' novels,



Stage actors Kyle Blair and Heather McGuigan are portraying Bert and Mary Poppins in Neptune Theatre production of Mary Poppins. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

or Saving Mr. Banks, the 2013 movie which tells the story of Walt Disney's attempts to win the book rights from Travers.

Neptune's show was supposed to run until May 25, but will now finish on June 1 with their pay-what-you-can night.

Rathbun said the last time they extended a show was a couple years ago. The actors were asked to allow for the ex-

tra time even before Mary Poppins began, in the hopes there would be enough interest.

"It's been a hugely success-

ful show," Rathbun said, adding Mary Poppins is one of the biggest shows the theatre has ever done from a "production standpoint" thanks to special effects, dance numbers and multiple songs like "Practically Perfect" and "A Spoonful of Sugar."

Thousands of people have attended performances over the past few weeks, Rathbun said, but exact numbers won't be available until after June 1.

"It's looking like it could be one of those record-breaking shows and we're obviously very hopeful," said Rathbun.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

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## Offshore board issues exploration bids for parcels on Scotian Slope

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board has issued a call for exploration bids on four parcels of the Scotian Slope.

The slope area lies in water that extends 850 kilometres from the United States international border in the southwest, to the Newfoundland provincial border in the northeast.

The board says the four parcels, which have potential

**Deadline**

The board says the bids must be submitted by Oct. 30.

for both oil and gas, are found at depths between 100 metres and 4,100 metres.

Parcels one and two are in the western area and extend from the outermost shelf to the lower slope, while par-

cels three and four border the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial boundary and are adjacent to several active exploration licences managed by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board.

Board CEO Stuart Pinks says successful bids will be awarded an exploration licence subject to federal and provincial ministerial approval.

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**Airlifted to hospital**

### Highway crash leaves man seriously injured

A highway collision in Nova Scotia has sent a 62-year-old Bedford man to hospital with serious injuries.

RCMP say Sunday night a tractor trailer was parked on the shoulder of Highway 104, between the Kemp-town and Mount Thom exits, when it was rear ended by a pickup truck. The driver of the pickup was airlifted to hospital in Halifax. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Bethany Calnen**

### Missing woman found safe, Halifax police say

It took about month to find her, but police in Halifax say they have located a missing woman from Hammonds Plains.

Bethany Calnen, 20, was reported missing on April 8 after last being seen on April 5 in Halifax.

Police had said they didn't believe Calnen had been met with foul play, but were worried for her well being. **METRO**

**Nov. 19**

### Sarah McLachlan coming back to Halifax

Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan is coming home.

The former Halifax resident who now lives in Vancouver has announced she will perform at the Metro Centre as part of her new cross-country tour on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. through Ticket Atlantic and will range in price from \$59.75 and \$79.75. **METRO**



# Neighbour tells trial he believes Pistorius shot girlfriend in error

## Two-week recess.

Defence tries to regain momentum after prosecutors appear to poke holes in double-amputee's story

Using witness accounts of a panicked nighttime phone call from Oscar Pistorius begging for help and his desperate pleas for Reeva Steenkamp to stay alive, the defence at his murder trial tried to reinforce its case Monday that the double-amputee Olympian fatally shot his girlfriend in a tragic error of judgment.

Johan Stander and his daughter Carice Viljoen, neighbours and friends of Pistorius, testified that they were at the runner's villa soon after the shooting on Feb. 14, 2013 and that Pistorius was praying, trying to help Steenkamp breathe and urging her to live. The world-



Oscar Pistorius cradles his head in his hands in court Monday at the resumption of his murder trial, following a two week break, in Pretoria, South Africa. THOBILE MATHONSI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

famous disabled runner had shot four times through a toilet cubicle door minutes earlier, hitting Steenkamp in the hip, arm and head.

Stander testified that Pistorius phoned him at around 3:19 a.m. — about two minutes after the shooting. Pistorius told him he had

## Prosecutors' version

Prosecutors maintain Oscar Pistorius, 27, is lying about the perceived trespasser, and his story is designed to cover up that he killed his girlfriend in the midst of a heated argument.

- The prosecution has focussed on events before the killing — and not Pistorius' demeanour afterward — to try and show that his version is a fabrication.

thought Steenkamp was an intruder and shot her, Stander testified, and Stander and his daughter went to Pistorius' house after the runner pleaded for him to come.

"I saw the truth there that morning" Stander testified, saying he believed the shooting was accidental because of Pistorius' desperation when they found him carrying a bloodied Steenkamp downstairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Circus accident. Investigators focus on broken clamp

A carabiner is the only piece of equipment investigators have found that failed in a circus accident in which eight aerial acrobats plummeted to the ground, a public safety official said Monday.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the broken carabiner was the cause of Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus. He said federal workplace safety investigators were trying to determine why it snapped.

The four- to five-inch steel clamp was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said. The clip was found in three pieces on the ground with its spine snapped.

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday. Family members say their injuries included a pierced liver and neck and back fractures.



Performers hang during a stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus May 2. COURTESY FRANK CAPRIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

The circus said the women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

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# 54 Canadians remain on standby list for flight to Mars

## Fantastic voyage.

Ambitious Mars One project pares down the number of potential applicants for one-way mission to Red Planet

The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to Mars has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of potential worldwide candidates on Monday.

The Dutch-based non-profit organization said 705 people still remain in contention and will be subject to an interview by their selection committee.

The Mars One project, an ambitious plan to establish a permanent human settle-

ment on the planet beginning in 2025, is the brainchild of Dutch entrepreneur Bas Landorp.

The 54 Canadians remaining are divided equally between male and female candidates.

Christy Foley, a 33-year-old Alberta government employee, is among the candidates who'll get an interview.

Foley said Monday she's not having any second thoughts about the one-way trip and is still very excited, adding her family doctor appeared surprised when she explained the reason for a complete medical.

"He said he never had this type of request before, so I guess Edmonton doesn't produce many astronaut wannabes," Foley said.

She and her husband had

## Seeing red — they hope

Initially, Mars One had an applicant pool of more than 200,000 from 100 countries, including 8,243 Canadians.

- Last December, the organization reduced that to 1,058 candidates, including 75 Canadians.
- A third of the total candidates were cut, leaving the current crop of 705.

both applied when the call went out, but he was not chosen.

The majority of the remaining 54 Canadian hopefuls are from the Toronto region, but there's also a



A Martian space habitat is shown in this artist's rendering. The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to the red planet has been reduced to 54 on Monday. BRYAN VERSTEEG/SPACEHABS.COM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

large contingent from British Columbia. Alberta and

Quebec are next on the list, but other provinces also

boast candidates. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Alberta. Alison Redford combative with reporters upon return to legislature

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford returned to the legislature Monday for the first time since she quit the top job more than a month ago.

However, in a scrum with reporters, she declined to discuss issues that arose after she left, including her plan while premier to have taxpayers build a lavish penthouse suite on top of a government building for sitting premiers.

"I know you all reported on that story within a week of my stepping down," said Redford. "I know I had representatives who provided you with information on our perspective."

"I don't think that anything is gained by continuing to comment on that story, and I have nothing else to add."

Other issues include Redford taking her daughter on multiple trips, including one to Jasper during the height of last year's flooding in southern Alberta.

Redford deflected answers on those as well, saying she addressed her daughter's travel when the issue of an unrelated trip to Vancouver arose before she stepped down.

"I'm certainly not stepping back from anything that I did,



Alison Redford THE CANADIAN PRESS

and I'm not adding anything else to that story," she said.

Redford then asked reporters: "Do you have anything new or are we done?"

"What went wrong for you in your premiership?" she was asked.

"I don't know if I'm going to spend much time reflecting on that at the moment," she replied. "I certainly, as you know, am in the middle of a transition."

"Are you staying on as MLA?" she was asked.

"I see no reason not to stay on as MLA."

"Will you run again (in the 2016 election)?" another asked.

She declined comment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Elections

### NDP calls on PM to answer questions about robocalls

The NDP wants Prime Minister Stephen Harper to explain how the Conservative party's massive database wound up being used to send misleading robocalls to voters during the 2011 election campaign, with a motion planned to move Tuesday asking to study the ways the database was used as "a voter suppression tool." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Opposition

### Compassion demanded for soldier with PTSD

Opposition parties accused the Harper government of breaking its word, demanding the military show compassion for Master Cpl. Kristian Wolowidnyk, who attempted suicide last year and has been put back on the fast-track for dismissal. The military backed down when his case became public, but last week reversed itself and said he doesn't qualify to remain in the military. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# Villagers still digging, hundreds still stranded days after deadly landslide

**Afghanistan.** Search continues for hundreds of victims of a landslide in Abi Barik village

Three days after the earth swept through his village, burying entire houses and hundreds of people, Hashmat Khan is still digging in search of his family.

Standing in a hole he'd dug out that reached over his head, Khan said six members of his family were buried in the horrific landslide that swept over the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province.

"We have rescued two injured and taken out two dead bodies, and now we're trying to find two more," he said.

One of the school teachers, Abdul Fatah Zafari, said the villagers have surveyed all the families and believe that around 50 students between ages of six to 15 died in the landslide.

The school building survived. But with what's left of Abi Barik under threat of further landslides and flooding, the surviving children haven't been able to attend school.

Zafari said he understood that helping needy people was the immediate priority but appealed to the government to also think about the school and health clinic.

The landslide was likely triggered by heavy rains that have fallen across northern Afghanistan in recent weeks.

It broke off a massive chunk of earth, burying hundreds of homes. Officials have said it will be impossible to bring up all the bodies, but many villagers have continued digging on their own.

Azizullah, who goes by one name as do many Afghans, said he was working on a construction site when he heard about the landslide and hurried home.

His house was covered with mud but eventually he was able

## Death and destruction

The landslide Friday killed hundreds of people, — still no one has an exact number — destroyed 300 homes, and displaced hundreds more families.


- Stranded and with no homes, many of the families have struggled to get aid.
- Some have slept in tents provided by aid groups. The unlucky ones have slept outside

to find his wife and children alive. But his father and one of his brothers are still missing.

"Probably they have died, but still we are looking for them," he said. "Over the past three days we have been digging in the area where we think they might be to find their bodies, but we couldn't find any of them." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Survivors receive food donations on Monday near the site of Friday's landslide that buried Abi Barik village in Badakhshan province, northeastern Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Oklahoma. Inmate who received stay of execution asks for 6-month delay

Attorneys for an Oklahoma inmate who was scheduled to be put to death the same night as a botched execution asked the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on Monday to grant a delay for at least six months pending a review into what went wrong last week.

Attorneys for Charles Warner cited last week's execution of Clayton Lockett, who writhed on the gurney and moaned before being pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack 43 minutes after the execution began.

Warner was scheduled to die last week two hours after Lockett, but Gov. Mary Fallin issued a two-week delay pending a thorough inquiry into Lockett's execution.

"Given the Department of Corrections' recognition that it is in no position to carry out an execution that meets constitutional requirements, an indefinite stay is necessary," said Madeline Cohen, one of Warner's attorneys. "I think six months is the bare min-

### Drug combination

Last Tuesday was the first time Oklahoma used the sedative midazolam as the first element in its execution drug combination.

- Other states have used it before. Florida administers 500 milligrams as part of its three-drug combination. Oklahoma used 100 milligrams.
- States in the U.S. are finding it more difficult to find execution methods as more drug companies refuse to supply drugs that will be used in executions.

imum that could be contemplated."

Warner was convicted of raping and killing an 11-month-old in 1997. He has maintained his innocence.

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## Wildfire destroys 6 homes, kills at least one

Myka Burton pours water on a roadside hot spot on Monday in Guthrie, Okla. "I'm doing anything I can to help," said Burton. Firefighters worked Monday to battle a large wildfire in central Oklahoma that destroyed at least six homes and left at least one person dead after a controlled burn spread out of control.

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### Two killed in crash

## Canadian survey plane located

Colombian authorities said Monday they had located a Canadian-registered aircraft that crashed high in the Andes in northeastern Colombia. Two people aboard, both Canadians, were killed.

Rescue workers struggled over the weekend to reach the twin-engine Piper PA-31 Navajo because of poor visibility at the remote, high-altitude site where it crashed on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### 29,000 workers

## Haiti raises minimum wage

Haiti raised slightly its minimum wage for the estimated 29,000 workers who sew together T-shirts and other clothing in the country's apparel factories.

The 12.5 per cent increase signed into law says the workers will now earn about \$5.11 per eight-hour workday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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A sperm whale carcass sits on shore in Cape St. George, N.L., in this recent photo. The large carcass recently washed up on shore, posing a problem several Newfoundland communities have had to wrestle with this season: how to dispose of it. CONTRIBUTED

# N.L. town puts whale on eBay

**Free shipping?** Scheme shot down by site, now mayor hopes museum will show interest

A Newfoundland town's efforts to have a dead sperm whale removed from its coastline have hit a snag.

But the mayor of the community remains hopeful that someone will step forward to take the carcass of the 12-metre mammal off his hands.

Peter Fenwick, the mayor of Cape St. George on New-

foundland's west coast, put the whale up for sale on eBay. But the website took the auction down Monday because it violates its policies on animals and wildlife products, Fenwick said.

"Our major objective was to get rid of the whale, and we feel that there may be enough (people) out there who know about it, who may be interested in it," said Fenwick.

"So then we thought, 'Maybe there's a museum somewhere that would like to purchase it, and if there is, let's advertise it on eBay and see if anybody is interested.'"

He said he received a call from the federal Environment Department earlier in the day saying the sale of the whale could violate environmental regulations.

Two other Newfoundland communities recently reached a deal with the Royal Ontario Museum to retrieve the carcasses of blue whales that were rotting along their shores.

"If they call us, we'll be glad to talk to them and if they can come on down and arrange for a bit of equipment to do something, fine, they can get a free whale," said Fenwick with a laugh. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Dr. Bernstein**

## Weight loss doc set to appeal discipline

A key player in the country's weight-loss industry is set to appeal discipline meted out to him by the body that regulates the medical profession in Ontario for violating advertising rules.

Dr. Stanley Bernstein wants the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board to overturn the reprimand he was given last year.

The complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons originated with lawyer Peter Rosenthal after a doctor pointed out to him that Bernstein was in breach of the rules with his advertising of his weight-loss clinics. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY**

## Calgary. Man accused in animal killings bought pets on Kijiji: Investigator

Police say the man accused of starving and beating a cat and dog found dead in a Calgary alley in January acquired the animals from a seller on Kijiji.

It was the latest animal abuse case involving the popular online classifieds site and reignited caution from law-enforcement officials about offering unwanted pets online at no charge.

"If you add a value to the animal there's more of a likelihood that the person that's getting the animal is going to value the animal," said Brad Nichols, head of cruelty investigations with the Calgary Humane Society.

Early Monday, the society announced 19-year-old Nicolino Ivano Camardi has been

charged with two counts of wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal.

On Jan. 9, the Calgary Humane Society was notified that a Siberian husky had been found dead in an alley, suffering from severe starvation.

A second animal, a domestic short-haired cat, was found just metres away on Jan. 16.

Both animals had tape covering their mouths.

Medical examinations determined the dog died of starvation while the cat died of asphyxia due to ligature strangulation following multiple traumatic injuries to its head, tail and hind limbs.



## Brave animals become Hall of Famers

Edmonton police officer Const. Matthew Williamson looks at a photo of him and his service dog Quanto during the 46th annual Purina Animal Hall of Fame ceremony in Toronto on Monday. Quanto died from stab wounds during an altercation with a suspect in the line of duty. The five-year-old German shepherd was among the four dogs and one cat being honoured. The event recognizes extreme acts of courage, bravery and devotion by Canadian pets and service animals. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Boko Haram leader threatens to sell kidnapped girls in Nigeria

## National outrage.

Protesters criticize military, President Goodluck Jonathan for inaction

The leader of an extremist Islamic group in Nigeria is threatening to sell the nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls abducted from a school in the remote northeast three weeks ago, in a new videotape received Monday.

Abubakar Shekau for the first time also claimed responsibility for the April 15 mass abduction, warning that his group plans to attack more schools and abduct more girls.

"I abducted your girls," said the leader of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful."

He described the girls as "slaves" and said, "By Allah, I will sell them in the marketplace." The hour-long video starts with fighters lifting automatic rifles and shooting in the air as they chant "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great."

It was unclear if the video was made before or after reports emerged last week that some of the girls have been forced to marry their abductors — who paid a nominal

bride price of \$12 — and that others have been carried into neighbouring Cameroon and Chad. Those reports could not be verified.

In the video, Shekau also said the students "will remain slaves with us." That appears a reference to the ancient jihadi custom of enslaving women captured in a holy war, who then can be used for sex.

"They are slaves and I will sell them because I have the market to sell them," he said, speaking in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria.

The video was reviewed by The Associated Press, and both the face and the voice of the leader of Boko Haram were recognizable.

Shekau brushed off warnings that the abductions could be an international crime, saying in English, as if to reach his accusers in the international community: "What do you know about human rights? You're just claiming human rights (abuses), but you don't know what it is."

The mass abduction and the military's failure to rescue the girls and young women have ignited national outrage with demonstrations in major cities. Protesters accused President Goodluck Jonathan of insensitivity to the girls' plight. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman attends a demonstration calling on the government to increase efforts to rescue the 276 missing kidnapped school girls of government secondary school Chibok, in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# WHO declares spread of polio a public health emergency



In this file photo from April of last year, a Somali child receives a polio vaccine at the Medina Maternal Child Health Center in Mogadishu, Somalia. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a co-ordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before travelling

abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing. Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Greece's Aegean Sea. Smuggling boats capsize, killing migrants

At least 22 people — including families trapped in a flooded cabin — drowned when a yacht and a dinghy crammed with migrants trying to slip into Greece capsized Monday in the eastern Aegean Sea, authorities said.

Rescue teams led a

search for up to seven more people missing, in what was one of the deadliest migrant boat accidents in Greek waters in recent years and the third fatal one this year. Many on board were from war-torn or unstable countries in the Middle East and Africa. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### East Congo

## Soldiers sentenced for mass rapes

A court has convicted and sentenced 25 soldiers accused of carrying out mass rapes in eastern Congo.

In rare convictions handed down Monday, a judge sentenced two soldiers to life

in prison, three to 20 years in jail and 20 to 10 years.

Thirteen of those charged were acquitted, with the court citing lack of evidence.

Authorities say at least 135 women and girls were raped in and around the town of Minova in eastern Congo in November 2012.

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Foreign Minister Georges Rebelo Chicoti of Angola shows U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry nearby government buildings following meetings at the Ministry of Finance in Luanda, Angola. SAUL LOEB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Kerry to Africa: Reject violence

**'The will of the people.'**

The U.S. is behind in the race to reap economic benefits in the continent

Travelling from lush green hilltops to hot dusty roads and seaside ports, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry asked African nations last week to make a choice: Choose democracy. Embrace economic stability. Reject violence, and move people into the modern world.

It was an optimistic offer, and the kind of Western attitudes the U.S. is used to espousing. But two conflict-wracked

African nations said no, challenging the limits of American influence in a continent emerging as the next land of opportunity for foreign financial investors.

So far, the U.S. is lagging in the worldwide race to reap economic benefits in Africa, and President Barack Obama is hosting a summit in August for leaders of more than 40 African nations to try to build stronger financial ties. The refusal by several leaders to heed Kerry's urgings confronts the Obama administration with a choice: Pursue economic opportunities with governments that do not respect rule of law or human rights, or take a backseat in

global competition by shunning sub-Saharan countries.

"This is up to the will of the people, and the will of leaders," Kerry told about 100 diplomats and local activists gathered at an environmentally friendly tukul hut atop a hilltop in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

In what appears to be the biggest flop of his trip, Kerry announced a tentative agreement to restart stalled peace talks in South Sudan, where U.S. officials say fighting between President Salva Kiir and former vice-president-turned-rebel leader Riek Machar have plunged the world's newest nation into a civil war.

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# Shooting at VA hospital in Ohio injures person

A shooting at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Ohio on Monday left one person with a minor injury and a suspect in police custody, according to a city official.

The male suspect was taken into custody Monday afternoon after someone dropped him off at a hospital, Dayton spokesman Bryan Taulbee said.

One person suffered a minor leg injury at the Dayton clinic, said Taulbee, who didn't know if the victim was a man or woman.

The suspect is from suburban Dayton, and there were no other shooters involved, Taulbee said.

Employees told media outlets that at least part of the complex was locked down around the lunch hour on Monday. WDTN showed video of employees leaving the centre while FBI agents went inside.

The centre has beds for about 450 people and provides veterans with medical, mental health and nursing home care.

Four years ago, an Iraq War Army veteran wearing military fatigues fatally shot himself at a monument to soldiers outside the same hospital.

The man, Jesse C. Huff, had been a patient there.

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Police gather outside a Veterans Affairs hospital after people who were evacuated were told they could re-enter. AL BEHRMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Google hits play on streaming service

### Music to our ears.

Google Play Music fills the void for Canucks still waiting for Spotify and Pandora to come here

Google is stepping into the streaming music game in Canada with the launch of Google Play Music, the latest in a growing number of services that could change how Canadians listen to their favourite songs.

The company announced Monday that its all-access subscription service would be the centrepiece for a broader digital music service that offers music on mobile phones, tablets and personal computers.

Aside from streaming, users can also buy tracks for their personal collections, quite similar to Apple's iTunes store.

The Canadian version of the service will cater to lo-

cal tastes, including a selection of Francophone music and a playlist that showcases this year's Juno Award winners.

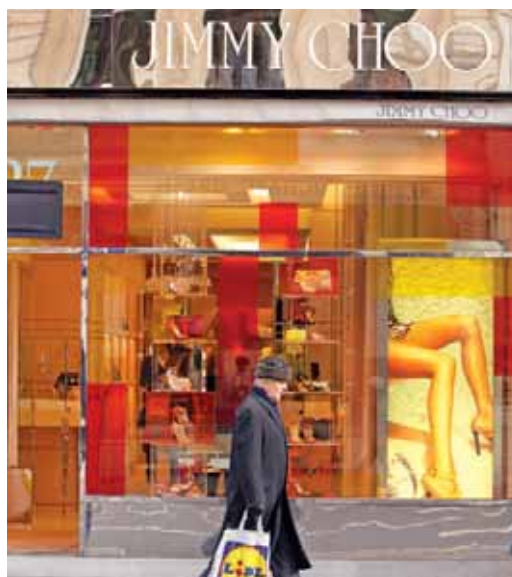
The presence of legal on-demand streaming music has been limited until recently in Canada.

Last month, Shaw Communications partnered with digital service Rdio to help expand its presence in the country as part of a marketing, content and promotion partnership.

Last year, free streaming music service Songza opened an office in Toronto with the goal of getting a head start against its competitors like Spotify and Pandora, two popular international streaming services that aren't yet available in Canada.

Google's arrival in Canada was also stalled by securing royalty agreements with local music organizations.

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## Luxury brands flock to Canada

A man walks past the Jimmy Choo shop in London, U.K. Two renowned luxury brands — Jimmy Choo and Versace — are launching their first stand-alone boutiques in Canada later this year. The shops are slated to open in Toronto. They join several other high-profile retailers and brands that have opened bricks-and-mortar locations in Canada over the past several years, including Microsoft, Ann Taylor, Loft, J. Crew and Target. Nordstrom will be following suit this fall with the opening of its first store in Calgary. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Target. CEO out in wake of data breach, weak expansion into Canada

Target's CEO has become the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a breach of customer data, showing how responsibility for computer security now reaches right to the top.

Gregg Steinhafel, who was also president and chairman, stepped down nearly five months after Target disclosed a huge pre-Christmas breach in which hackers stole millions of customers' credit- and debit-card records. The theft badly damaged the store chain's repu-


tation and profits.


Steinhafel, a 35-year veteran of the company and chief executive since 2008, also resigned from the board of directors, Target announced Monday.


The company, known for its trendy but affordable housewares and fashions, is struggling to maintain its cachet while competing with Walmart and Amazon.com. Target is also grappling with a disappointing expansion into Canada, its first foray outside the U.S.

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### Medical marijuana

## Tweed Marijuana ships out drugs to Canadian clients

Tweed Marijuana, Canada's first publicly traded medical marijuana company, says it has shipped its first orders of the drug to clients.

Tweed started trading on the Toronto Venture

Exchange last month and has a market capitalization of more than \$113 million.

The company said Monday that the marijuana was produced at its Smiths Falls facility, near Ottawa, and complies with federal regulations.

New federal rules now require marijuana users to get their medical pot supply from commercial growers.

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### Controversial ingredient

## BVO to go from all Coca-Cola drinks

Coca-Cola says it will drop a controversial ingredient from all its drinks that contain it, not just Powerade.

The Atlanta-based company says brominated vegetable oil is still being used in some flavours of Fanta and Fresca, as well as several

citrus-flavoured fountain drinks. The change will apply to its drinks globally, meaning Canada and Latin America are phasing out the ingredient.

Brominated vegetable oil, or BVO, had been the target of petitions on Change.org by a Mississippi teenager, Sarah Kavanagh, who wanted it out of Gatorade and Powerade.

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### Only in the U.S.

## #dangerousidea: Just tweet to make Amazon purchase

Amazon wants to make shopping online as easy as a tweet.

The online retailer is introducing a service that lets Twitter users in the U.S. add Amazon.com products to their carts without leaving

the social media site.

The service comes as Amazon seeks to make social media a bigger source for sales.

Twitter also has been seeking new revenue streams beyond advertising services like promoted tweets.

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# DRAKE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

It's incredibly easy for us to make new digital connections — you can acquire hundreds of online friends in minutes just by pressing a handful of buttons — but how much energy are you investing in working on your real-life social networks?

Friendships play a crucial role in our lives. Science has shown time and time again that maintaining close ties with our fellow human beings provides us with a wide variety of mental, emotional and physical benefits. One study even suggests that being lonely or having weak social bonds is a health risk comparable to smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day or being an alcoholic.

If platonic pals are beneficial for the mind, body and soul, reason would suggest that we try to accumulate as many as possible. However, evolutionary anthropologist Robin Dunbar argues that the cognitive limitations of our brains also impose limits on our ability to sustain stable so-



**SHE SAYS**  
**Jessica Napier**  
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cial connections. You might have amassed hundreds of Facebook buddies, but humans can actually only comfortably maintain about an average of 150 genuine relationships. That number might be even lower for us technology obsessed, socially stunted Millennials.

So while TV sitcoms would have us believe we'll spend our whole lives hanging out with the same handful of people at the same bar year after year after year, real life doesn't work like that. If our brains can only handle a finite number of contacts, it's practical to audit your social circle every once in a while, online and in real life, to evaluate how and with whom you're spending your time.

As we get older, our interests and values inevitably change and we naturally begin to drift away from certain people. Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding onto old friendships at the expense of

## Don't make it The Motto

Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding on to old friendships at the expense of making new ones.

making new ones.

I'm not suggesting that you should start eliminating old friends from your life like you're picking off contestants on a reality show. There is something very special about deep-rooted relationships; those BFFs who have known and loved you at your best and your worst, through bad breakups and even worse wardrobe choices.

But recognizing when you've outgrown certain individuals you have nothing in common with anymore can help you create some room in your brain and in your life for a few new friends.

## ZOOM

### Manufacturing tradition



A team dressed as characters from *The Wizard of Oz* roll wooden 'cheese' during the Stilton Village Festival cheese-rolling competition on May 6 in Stilton, England. Local people are currently involved in a campaign to bring Stilton cheesemaking back to the village. The cheese is currently made in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

#### How this cheesy village rolls

An annual tradition invented about 50 years ago to revitalize local businesses attracted about 2,000 people to the Cambridgeshire village of Stilton in the U.K. this year.

The cheese-rolling competition takes place every May Day Bank Holiday Monday in Stilton — the village which gave the cheese its name. Teams roll wooden blocks resembling cheese through the streets. BBC.COM

#### 'Ancient tradition' cooked up by locals

Cheese rolling was invented by two pub landlords who told villagers it was "an ancient tradition" in order to encourage them and others to take part.

Blocks of wood have to be used, because an actual block of cheese would not survive being rolled along the main road. The "cheese" is a block cut from an old telegraph pole and painted to look like the blue-veined cheese. BBC.COM

#### Road takes its toll

- The event was originally dreamt up to encourage visitors after the village was bypassed by the A1 in 1959.
- The village, on the old Great North Road between Huntingdon and Peterborough, got rid of its traffic jams when the bypass was built, but the High Street and North Street lost passing trade as a result.

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As part of Bristol, England's Make Sunday Special campaign, streets are set up for pedestrian-friendly activities like dancing, yoga classes, concerts and art crawls.

All laudable. But, even with the schedule reaching into fall, it'll be hard to top artist Luke Jerram's Park And Slide: a 300-foot, slip-and-slide soap show that drew more than 96,000 people to a lottery deciding who would be among the lucky 360 to belly their way down Park Street. As for us in Canada, there's plenty of summer left for letter campaigns to city halls.



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# Showgirls: The good, the bad and the ugly

**Panned but not forgotten.** Film critic Adam Nayman explores the cult success of Showgirls

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When it came out, Showgirls was a punching bag. It still is — it's just that now people actually enjoy hating it. It's become a bad cinema classic. But a wave of supporters, including J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette, argue that it's a self-aware satire along the lines of director Paul Verhoeven's other work, including RoboCop and Starship Troopers. To this posse, add the critic, scholar and Metro writer Adam Nayman, whose book *It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls* makes a convincing and enjoyable case for its sneaky and subversive craft.

## Did you always feel this way about Showgirls?

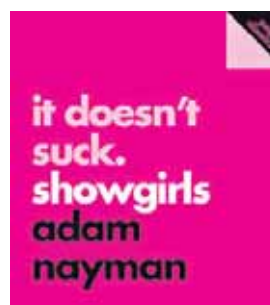
I saw it in theatres when it came out. I had to sneak in. The reason I wanted to see it at 14 was I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. I was interested in why people thought it was so bad. That probably had something to do with how I watched



it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie,

I was skeptical of the negativity. Even though I liked it as a teenager, because I thought it was funny and outrageous, it wasn't until I got a little older and a little more well-versed with Verhoeven that I thought it could support a book.

**The path of this movie from punchline to video hit is**



## rather extraordinary.

One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn. You couldn't find a film critic in 1995 who would give this movie the time of day. And now whether it's for ironic reasons or if people are recognizing the artistry in it, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't like it.

## Where do you stand?

I wish I'd read more things about Showgirls that said what I think about it, which is that it's well-crafted and some of that craft is persuasive, and then it clashes with how craven some of the dialogue and some of the characters are. To me that would be a more valid critical observation. Instead, you just read review after review of people saying how inept it is and comparing it craft-wise and style-wise to Valley of the Dolls. That's when you realize these people weren't really trying. Or if they were trying, they're just not very good at their jobs.

## DVD review



## Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Enrico Colantoni

The big-screen version of the cult TV series about a teen detective (Kristen Bell) is a homecoming designed to check off all the boxes for the many who wrote the Kickstarter cheques to make it happen.

Newcomers may find themselves mystified by the show's appeal. The movie looks and unfolds more like a pilot for the cancelled fourth Veronica Mars TV season, rather than a rebuilding of the franchise.

Reprising her title role as the teen sleuth in shady beach burgh Neptune, Calif., Bell brings us briskly up to date, highlighting past events that included her volatile romance with town stud Logan (Jason Dohring).

Ardent fans don't need the back story, to which series creator and writer Rob Thomas remains all too faithful as he makes his feature directing debut.

Veronica has supposedly moved on from Neptune (she's now an honours law grad with a job in New York), but the movie is like pressing "play" on a PVR, for a story laden with shout-outs but short on substance.

Extras include deleted scenes and making-of featurettes.

PETER HOWELL

## Quoted



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# Meet actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw

**Belle.** English actress is making waves with her latest role as a mixed-race heiress in 18th century London

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York

## Where you've seen her:

An English actress, she's done a few episodes of Doctor Who, plus the American Kiefer Sutherland show Touch. She played Ophelia in the production of Hamlet starring Jude Law, which played both the West End and Broadway.

## Where she is now:

In the Jane Austen-y Belle, plays Dido Elizabeth Belle, a mixed-race heiress who lived amongst 18th century London high society.

## Where she's going:

She has a key role in the Wachowskis' summer film Jupiter Ascending, with Channing



Gugu Mbatha-Raw's character Belle is based on an actual historical figure. CONTRIBUTED

Tatum, Mila Kunis and Eddie Redmayne. She'll also star in the rom-com Blackbird, with Minnie Driver and Danny Glover.

## On playing an obscure historical personage:

There's a book coming out now, but there wasn't a lot of information about Dido at the time. Even now you have

to use some artistic licence. We do know she lived in the house. There was a report of an American businessman who came to visit. We know she wasn't allowed to sit with them at the dinner table, but she'd come out after dinner. This guy was completely shocked by that. We also know Lord Mansfield left her money in his will, as did Lady

Mary. That was pretty unusual at the time, to be held in such affection.

**On using the famous painting of Dido as an influence:** The painting was a big clue, where she's depicted in a sumptuous gown and she's looking directly at the viewer. She's not in a subservient position. She was relatively equal

to Elizabeth in the painting. All those little pieces of detective work inspired the story.

## On Dido having to skip out on social events at home:

I think she repressed those daily humiliations. The racism that is depicted in the script is not the brutality we often see on the screen. It's more about the nuances of society and the subtleties, which can be just as painful, in a different way, on an emotional level. That scene where she's staring in the mirror after John asks her why she doesn't dine with the family — all of that inequality that she's been pushing down explodes.

## On Belle as a twist on the Jane Austen film:

We've seen all these Jane Austen adaptations, and I'm a huge fan of them all. I grew up watching Pride and Prejudice, with Colin Firth, and Sense and Sensibility. But what was so great about this is we've not seen stories from this perspective before — not only from a woman's perspective,

but also a woman of colour. And it's also a British perspective of the slave experience in the U.K. And though there are no slaves in the movie, it definitely deals with Britain's experiences of benefitting financially from the slave trade.

## On the film's portrait of female struggles:

The marriage market in that period was ruthless. And yet Dido was financially secure. She could marry for love, she had an inheritance, unlike her cousin, who needed to find her financial security. I'm glad it's not as savage today, but this is still something that people deal with in different parts of the world. Arranged marriages and women's freedom and equality are still questions.

## On Dido as a role model:

I think it's important for biracial girls growing even now to be able to see themselves in history. I think if you can root yourself in a historical place, then the sky's the limit, really.

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# Whatcha say? Derulo lets us in his head

**Talk Dirty.** With guest stars like Snoop Dogg, Tyga and 2 Chainz on new album, Jason's no longer Ridin' Solo

Jason Derulo knows his recent hit, *Talk Dirty*, is risqué, but he's not too worried about it.

"I try to be conscious of offending anybody, but not that much," he said. "I really just try to do my thing and of course there is going to be backlash on every song that I do, so I don't worry myself too much on that. People saying things like 'objectifying women.' I'm like, 'What are

you even talking about?'"

*Talk Dirty* has dominated pop radio, and the song has peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. It has sold 3.2-million tracks and features lyrics like "but your booty don't need explaining" and "first-class seat on my lap girl."

"I wasn't surprised that it would hit mainstream. I think in 2014 things, you know, are getting more and more free (and) liberal," he said. "I hear a lot worse."

The smash is from Derulo's third album of the same name; it debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 albums chart last month. The album was released internationally last September under the title *Tattoos*, but the re-named American version features some new tracks.

Derulo, 24, says both his new album and single reflect his growth as a singer and songwriter.

"I'm comfortable with talking about what my life is and things that I go through," said Derulo, whose hits include *Whatcha Say*

and *In My Head*.

"This album is a direct representation of who I am as a person and how I speak," he added. "If I was talking to my best friend, you know, this is how I would explain it."

The album is Derulo's first to feature guest stars, and hip-hop acts are a strong part of the pop singer's project. Snoop Dogg, 2 Chainz, Pitbull, Tyga and Kid Ink make appearances.

Derulo, who is finding more success on the urban charts thanks to *Talk Dirty*, says he started musically in the hip-hop scene.

"Most people don't know my background, but when I first started writing songs for other people it was for hip-hop artists," said Derulo, who co-wrote Birdman's *Bossy* and songs for Diddy that didn't make his album.

"The world knew me as a pop artist when I first came out, which was cool, you know. I think I'm the first black male artist to actually come out as a pop artist," he added. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jason Derulo does what he wants without worrying much about offending anybody, whether that means recording risqué songs or rocking a sweetgreen leather shirt. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Quoted

**"This album is a direct representation of who I am as a person and how I speak."**

Jason Derulo, singer

## Wilma Domestic Medium Hair

Like many cats in the Halifax area, Wilma has lived the life of a stray but she is well socialized, gentle and enjoys people. She loves her head being petted and chasing the tail of her toy mouse...but is not so fond of having her belly rubbed or being held. Wilma's ideal home is one where she can relax and lounge in front of a window with the comfort of safe surroundings.

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Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

## Kute kouple Kim and Kanye get wedding licence

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are well on their way to wedded bliss. They have the multi-million dollar home, they have the baby and now they have the papers.

Life & Style is reporting the power duo are officially married on paper, after a source told the magazine they got their licence in California. Although they could just be teasing us, since they've got 90 days to get hitched in the county in which they received their marriage licence.

In any case, the spectacle isn't off: Sources say plans are still on for their huge Paris wedding this month. But the ceremony, sources further reveal, will be a private one.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



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## How many celeb doppelgängers does blonde Levine have?

When Pretty McPretty boy Adam Levine tweeted out this photo of his new hair-style (along with his pillow-lipped fiancée, Behati Prinsloo) on Saturday, everyone got pretty mad that he would go ahead and ruin that pretty face of his. So mad that "Adam Levine" started trending. However, the Maroon 5 singer took it all in stride. "I hope people understand that when they say my hair looks creepy, I take that as the highest compliment," he wrote about the hairy backlash.

However, Levine must know that he now looks like a certain ... someone. Maybe even a few someones? We compiled the women — and man — he now resembles. Anyone we're missing? Write to scene@metronews.ca to let us know.



Ryan Gosling



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Tilda Swinton



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## X-Men director accused of sexually assaulting a second teen boy

A second man has come forward accusing X-Men: Days of Future Past director Bryan Singer of sexual assault.

The British man, referred to as John Doe #117, is represented by Jeff Herman, the same lawyer as the first accuser, Michael Egan. Doe claims he was introduced to Singer at the U.K. premiere party for Superman Returns when he was 17 years old. His complaint claims that Singer offered him drugs, and later grabbed him in a sexual manner and asked him to

perform sex acts, according to The Daily Beast. After he refused, he says, a "large, muscle-bound man" hit him.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, maintained that the accusations are false.

"After the substance of Mr. Herman's previous defamatory and fabricated filing in Hawaii was disproved based on unassailable evidence, Mr. Herman's desperation has led him to fabricate these new anonymous accusations against Mr. Singer, which we will

also prove to be completely false," Marty Singer told The Daily Beast.

The allegations are similar to those made by the first accuser, Egan, who was 17 at the time of the alleged assaults in 1998, was then an aspiring model and actor. He claims he met the director through a Hollywood sex ring run by Marc Collins-Rector, a producer and convicted sex offender. He says that Collins-Rector put him on the payroll and required him to have sex with adults.

## Katie Couric may return to the anchor chair at Today — but just temporarily

Eight years since she took her leave from Today, it looks like Katie Couric might be coming back to the NBC morning program — but only for a bit.

The NY Post and TMZ.com report that Couric is in talks to fill in for co-anchor Savannah Guthrie while she is on maternity leave in four months.

Although it's only in the talking stages and it's unclear how this will work out with Couric's other gigs — she is with ABC until mid-summer and famously signed on to be the first-ever global anchor at Yahoo sometime soon — it would be nice to see Katie back in the anchor seat, if just for a bit.

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# Gettin' swishy with it

**Oil pulling.** Does this Ayurvedic detox technique actually work, or is it just a load of hogwash?

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Oil pulling — an ancient Ayurvedic ritual whereby unrefined oil is swished in the mouth for 10 to 20 minutes a day — is thought to improve oral health and reduce toxic inflammation in the body. Two experts talk us through the mechanics and potential benefits of this holistic, and pretty harmless, technique.

## It's a detox trick that's not expensive or difficult

According to L.A.-based neurologist and Ayurveda expert Dr. Kulreet Chaudhary, this is all you need to do: Wake up and either brush or floss your teeth. Now take one tablespoon of vegetable oil (or simply half fill the mouth) and slowly start to swirl it around, pulling it through your teeth. The idea is that you're not gargling it, but actively swishing it in your mouth. Do this for 10 to 20 minutes and then spit out the oil (do not swallow it as it now contains toxins), and brush your teeth again.

"The theory behind this practice is that saliva is one of the conduits for toxins throughout your body. This is because the salivary glands are able to pull toxins out of the bloodstream and store them there at a higher concentration," she tells Metro.

"What oil pulling does is it increases the secretion of saliva and extrapolates some of the toxins that have been sucked into the glands by trap-



Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties, so coconut oil is a popular choice for oil pulling. ISTOCK

ping them inside the oil."

## Cure-all for almost everything

According to Chaudhary, oil pulling is one of the cheapest, and fastest, ways of getting rid of a mild dental disease.

"When done daily, oil pulling can help cure conditions such as tartar build-up, bad breath and gingivitis within weeks," says Chaudhary. But she says it goes way beyond oral hygiene.

"The mouth is kind of a measuring stick in terms of inflammation for the rest of the body.

"If I have a patient suffering from heavy metal poisoning, migraines or rheumatoid arthritis, this is one the tools I use to help detox their entire body," she adds.

## The best oil of them all?

"In Ayurvedic medicine, sesame oil is believed to be a complete oil: one that suits all body types and constitutions. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, which can help heal wounds and strengthen the immune system," says Dr. Deepa Apté, an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He says sesame oil's ability to permeate the cell membranes make it ideal for oil pulling. That said, make sure you're not using an oil you're allergic to; sunflower or coconut work just as well.

"Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties and is a good option for people suffering from inflammation in the body — the root cause of most diseases and internal imbalances," says Chaudhary.

## Your face is getting action

The contracting-relaxing motion engages your facial muscles in a mini-workout. "When done regularly, oil pulling helps increase blood circulation to the face and reduces the appearance of fine lines and dark circles," says Apté.

## Natural — not miracle — cure

"There's this misconception. People are like, 'I'm still going to eat my doughnut, drink my Coke and stay up all night — but I'll do oil pulling.' It's something we do to balance the body, but it doesn't erase a bad habit," warns Chaudhary. "It gets a little misleading to say it will cure your acne or fix your teeth because it's never given in isolation; it's part of a toolbox for controlling a condition."

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# New handheld kid on the block

## Health Solutions

### Spoons and forks are sooo last season



**NUTRI-BITES**  
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This season it is all about handheld food.

The days of the dog being the only thing eaten on city streets and at cookouts is over.

More gourmet foods are hitting the pavement and one of the best examples of that can be found at Kanga, Toronto's first Aussie meat pie shop.

Intended to be enjoyed Down Under style with all the ease and swagger of an Australian treat, Aussies get cheeky with nontraditional fillings like butter chicken and pulled pork.

Co-owners Megan Chan and Erynn Maynes say, "Aussie meat pies are saucier than your average pie, topped with flakey puff pastry, and are intended to be eaten with

one hand only. The other is strictly reserved for the beverage of your choice!"

Go handheld with these other ideas this summer:

- Sushi hand rolls
- Tacos are still all the rage
- Pulled pork in lettuce wraps
- Jumbo samosas
- Empanadas
- Tamales

Remember that the sides and dressings can make or break your calorie count. Mustard and hot sauce, yes! Mayo and anything deep fried, no.

And always, always fill up with a salad.

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### Aussie Meat Pie.

These savoury filled pastries are perfect for those days when you don't have time to slow down

1. Preheat your electric pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker.

2. On medium heat, fry the onion in the oil and butter till soft. Add the garlic and thyme.

3. Sprinkle the flour in the pan and fry until a light golden colour (about 1 minute).

4. Pour in the beer and incorporate with the flour, and the mixture will thicken. Allow the beer to reduce for 3-4 minutes.

5. In a separate frying pan, fry ground beef and drain off fat. Add in tomato paste.

6. Add the cooked ground beef mixture and beef stock



This recipe makes two pies. THERESA ALBERT

into the pan with beer and onions.

7. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside,

8. Line pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker with pastry, spoon in filling (usually about 1/3 of a cup). Allow to cook accord-

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1 tbsp butter + 1 tbsp oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp flour

- 3/4 cup dark beer
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 cup beef stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Ketchup to taste
- Two sheets of butter puff pastry (1 pkg)

### FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

ing to appliance instructions, usually about 8 minutes.

9. Enjoy with ketchup — or "tomato sauce" as the Aussies call it! Cheers, mate! **COURTESY ERYNN MAYNES, CO-OWNER KANGA**



This recipe serves six and takes 30 minutes to make. PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

## Chicken Taco spice route leads to Peru

The combination of spices gives these tacos a Peruvian spin. For added Peruvian cred, add some chopped pitted green olives with the salsa, lettuce and cheese toppings.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). In large frying pan, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the oil over medium-high heat; cook onion, garlic, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper for 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Push onions to side of pan. Add remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and chicken; cook for 10 minutes, stirring often, or until cooked through. Remove from heat. Stir in chopped coriander.

2. Remove taco shells from

packaging. Arrange shells open side down in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until crisp and light golden brown. Carefully remove from oven.

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 2 small onions, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground coriander
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cumin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pkg (about 775 g total)

3. Divide chicken mixture evenly among the taco shells. Top each taco with salsa, lettuce and cheese and arrange on platter.

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE**

- boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in thin strips
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1 pkg (156 g) PC Taco Shells
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) medium heat salsa
- 1 cup (250 ml) roughly chopped iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) PC Tex Mex Shredded Cheese Blend



## Concussions

### Some NFL retirees say settlement doesn't cover 'residual' problems

The proposed \$765-million settlement of NFL concussion claims came under attack again Monday, this time from retirees who said they would get "nothing at all" for nagging health problems that limit their function.

Seven former players filed a motion to intervene in the court case pending in Philadelphia, which aims to settle thousands of claims through a grid-like formula that reaches \$5 million for younger retirees with Alzheimer's disease.

The latest objections come from men who can perhaps still work, but say they still suffer from headaches, personality changes, trouble multi-tasking and other side effects they link to concussions suffered while playing in the league.

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## NBA playoffs

### Wizards draw first blood vs. Pacers

Bradley Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Trevor Ariza added 22 on Monday night, leading Washington past top-seeded Indiana 102-96 for a 1-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Wizards won a second-round game for the first time since 1982 and are 4-0 on the road in this year's playoffs. They ended a 12-game losing streak at Indiana that dated to April 18, 2007.

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Indiana.

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Penguins centre Sidney Crosby celebrates scoring a goal against the Rangers in New York on Monday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Crosby's post-season scoring touch arrives

## NHL playoffs.

Penguins captain ends goalless drought, Fleury makes 35 saves in shutout of Rangers

Sidney Crosby scored his first goal of these playoffs, and Marc-Andre Fleury earned his second shutout of the New York Rangers in two nights as the Pittsburgh Penguins regained home-ice advantage with a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday night.

Crosby snapped a 13-game

## MVP as voted by NHLPA

Sidney Crosby of the Penguins, Ryan Getzlaf of the Ducks and Claude Giroux of the Flyers have been nominated as finalists for the Ted Lindsay Award.

- The award is presented annually to the most valuable player in the NHL, as voted by fellow members of the National Hockey League Players' Association.

wins.

The Penguins, who lost the opener in overtime, lead the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the weary Rangers, who played for the fifth time

in seven days. They have consecutive losses in these playoffs for the first time.

The tide turned in Pittsburgh's favour in the second period for the third straight game.

New York had 2:15 remaining on a four-minute power play that began in the first period, but couldn't cash in. To make matters worse for the Rangers, Crosby took a long stretch pass from defenceman Robert Bortuzzo, outraced Marc Staal, and beat Lundqvist between the pads from the left circle just 19 seconds after James Neal left the penalty box. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Lowry leaning towards Raptors return



Kyle Lowry leaves the Raptors locker-room on Monday.

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The morning after the Toronto Raptors' season ended and two months before he becomes a free agent, Kyle Lowry wasn't keen to talk about his future.

But the Raptors point guard certainly sounds like he's not going anywhere.

"I love this place. I love this situation. It's as simple as that," Lowry said Monday.

The Raptors met with reporters the day after their 104-103 Game 7 loss to the Brooklyn Nets that ended their first playoff run in six seasons, and if there was a recurring theme, it

## Changing of the point guard

After earning a reputation for being moody and difficult last season, Kyle Lowry returned this past fall with a different demeanour, and went on to have a solid season,

averaging 17.9 points and 7.4 assists.

- He then shone in the playoffs, scoring a career high of 36 points in Game 5.

was a sense of satisfaction from a season that turned out far better than most envisioned, and a desire to stick together.

Coach Dwane Casey is in the final year of his contract — al-

though The Associated Press had an anonymous source confirm that the coach signed a three-year deal with the team late Monday. Kyle Lowry becomes a free agent July 1.

Lowry said he hasn't spoken to his agent yet. His mind was still on Sunday's loss, particularly the game's final play that saw his shot blocked. But he said "of course" he can see himself in a Raptors jersey next season.

"We just went to Game 7, first round. Nobody expected us to be there. Of course I can see that," said Lowry, who went on to praise his teammates. "It's a great mixture, actually. I said it yesterday: It's the best 14 other guys I've had in a locker-room in my career." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## UFC

## Rousey rips TUF

A recent impromptu brawl between rival coaches Chael Sonnen and Wanderlei Silva on the TV set of *The Ultimate Fighter: Brazil* had MMA fans rushing to find the video.

Not UFC women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey, who was a coach on Season 18. "They

don't know the first thing about fighting," she said.

"They treated us like we were *Real Housewives of Atlanta* and not elite athletes that should be respected."

**Ronda Rousey**  
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## NBA

## Carter-Williams named top rookie

Michael Carter-Williams has something to show for being a bright spot in a dismal season for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Carter-Williams won the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award on Monday after becoming only the third

player since 1950-51 to lead all rookies in scoring (16.7), rebounding (6.3) and assists (6.2).

Oscar Robertson (1960-61) and Alvan Adams (1975-76) were the others. **Michael Carter-Williams**  
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## NBA

## LBJ supports Durant being named MVP

LeBron James of the Miami Heat says Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant would be a deserving winner of the NBA MVP award.

It's expected that Durant will be announced as this season's MVP later this week. James has lauded Du-

rant's play this season several times in recent weeks, doing so again on Monday.

James says: "Much respect to him and he deserves it. He had a big-time MVP season."

**LeBron James**  
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# Canada riding high ahead of Commonwealth Games

**Rugby.** History was made on weekend when Canucks reached final of a Sevens World Series competition

## Rugby powerhouse

New Zealand has never lost at the Commonwealth Games, winning gold every time. The All Blacks are also defending World Series champions and have won four of eight stops on the circuit this season while finishing runner-up twice.

The Canadian seven rugby side flew out of Glasgow on Monday having made history there by reaching the final at an HSBC Sevens World Series stop for the first time.

Next time the Canadian men are in Scotland, Commonwealth Games medals will be on the line.

It was a banner weekend for the Canadians at the Glasgow Sevens. They won their preliminary pool Saturday, defeating Japan and France and tying England. Canada then defeated Kenya 14-5 in the quarter-final and Scotland 10-7 in the semi-final before going down 54-7 at the hands of powerful New Zealand in the final.

The lopsided loss made

for a strange "bit of an empty feeling." Sunday that was undeserved, said head coach Geraint John.

"We shouldn't have had that, really," he said Monday before heading to London. "Because to get to the final in the (World) Series for the very first time, it's a pretty outstanding achievement by everyone."

"I think today everybody's feeling a little bit better."

Canada will be up in Scotland soon enough, facing familiar foes at the Commonwealth Games, which run July 23 to Aug. 3. It has been put in

Pool A with defending champion New Zealand, Scotland and Nigeria.

Pool B consists of South Africa, Kenya, Cook Islands, and Trinidad and Tobago. Pool C features Samoa, Wales, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia. Pool D is made up of England, Australia, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

The top two from each group advance.

The competition will take place before a sellout crowd at Ibrox Stadium, home to Glasgow Rangers soccer club.

John said Sunday's final was an emotional experience, hearing the Canadian anthem before the game for the first time.

Canadians Phil Mack and John Moonlight were both named to the Glasgow tournament's all-star or Dream Team. Conor Trainor, meanwhile, turned heads with a circus-like try against France when he got his boot to a low pass in mid-flight and managed to tap it into his hands before sprinting over the line. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Harry Jones of Canada breaks free of the New Zealand defence to score during the IRB Glasgow Sevens in Glasgow, Scotland. Scan this image with your Metro News app to see more from Sunday's action. MARK RUNNACLES/GETTY IMAGES

## Gay, lesbian athletes following playbook in coming out



Michael Sam could become the NFL's first openly gay player. GETTY IMAGES FILE

A new type of playbook is fast evolving in the world of sports: An informal, common-sense protocol for how prominent gay and lesbian athletes can come out with maximum acclaim and minimum turmoil.

Key decisions include how to reveal one's story, whom to tell it to and — crucially — when to tell it.

"The earlier in the off-season, the better," said Cyd Zeigler, a co-founder of the website Outsports, the platform of choice for many athletes to share their coming-out story.

"Minimizing the distraction to your teammates is super important," Zeigler said. "I recommend to everyone, 'Don't do it in the middle of the season.'"

Jason Collins used an April 2013 column in *Sports Illustrated* to become the first openly gay player in the NBA. He's now a reserve with the Brooklyn Nets.

In February, Missouri defensive end Michael Sam came out via co-ordinated coverage by ESPN, *The New York Times* and *Outsports*. Sam is projected as a middle-round

prospect in the NFL draft this week, which would put him on track to be the league's first openly gay player.

On April 9, University of Massachusetts guard Derrick Gordon became the first openly gay player in Division I men's basketball, making the announcement on ESPN and *Outsports* two days after the NCAA championship game.

Speculation persists about when the first openly gay players will surface in Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League.

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## A piece of advice

Break the news before anyone else does, public relations expert Howard Bragman advises athletes considering coming out.

- Don't feel obligated to repeat your story, Bragman says. Choose wisely how you tell it and whom you tell it to, because the first stories will define the narrative.



## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will get what you desire today but you will have to pay a price for it. The planets will reward you for your hard work but they will also ask you to sacrifice something you may not want to give up.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The Sun's link to Jupiter will give your confidence a much-needed boost today but you may still have to learn that in order to get some you also have to give some.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will be in one of your more impulsive moods today. Try not to spend money on things you don't need unless you know you can afford it — and unless you have won the lottery you know full well you cannot.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will be called upon to help someone in need and no matter how busy you might be with your own tasks and chores you must come to their aid.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets warn that you may have deviated from your blueprint by a small amount, so maybe you should stand back from what you are working on and make sure it is still going according to plan.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's time to get working on something of a creative nature that you have been thinking about for quite some time. It will take a great deal of effort, both physical and mental, but it will be a success.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't try to force others to do your bidding today because they will make such an emotional scene that even you will be embarrassed.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you encounter on your travels will turn out to be a very important contact, both personally and professionally. Make an effort to get out and about and meet people.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If others won't give you what you deserve then you will just have to take it for yourself. You have worked long and hard to reach your current position and have no intention of letting others take the glory.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be eager for success but don't forget the many responsibilities that go with it. Remember, once you have committed to something, once you have signed on the line.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something is holding you back, something is stopping you from reaching your true potential. According to the planets it could be your own self-doubt that is preventing you from pushing ahead.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Keep your long-term goals at the forefront of your mind and don't let anyone put you off your quest. So-called friends will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should think again. Be true to your instincts.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

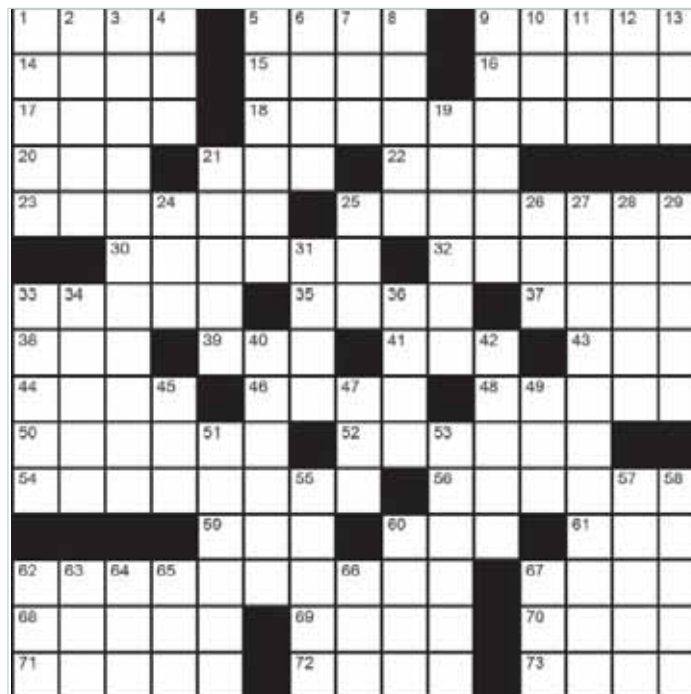
- Sort
- Dither
- Frigid
- Currency exchange fee
- Jumble
- France: Winery river valley
- Canvas sneakers brand
- Annual overseas song contest currently underway in Copenhagen
- "\_\_\_ be better if..."
- Gallery piece
- Movie genre, \_\_\_-com
- Sedately
- Southern Ontario city; or, ABBA song which was the #18-Across winner in 1974
- Toronto-born jazz singer, \_\_\_-Claire Barlow
- The Band's "\_\_\_ Be Released"
- Hurt
- Mr. Griffin
- 'Chant' suffix
- Mailing encl.
- Champion
- Moray \_\_\_
- Finished with work [abbr.]
- British streetcar
- 'Problem' suffix
- Kimberly Stewart's mom
- Country singer

- Jason
- Impaler's weapons
- Toronto Blues Jays sport
- Degrees
- Poet's 'not closed'
- Mr. Craven
- Bottle's 'lid'
- Biosphere Reserve region of Quebec
- Volcanic shape

- Beach item
- Against
- Russian river
- Ms. Blair
- Egg masses
- Alter
- Joe \_\_\_ (Colorado Avalanche executive born in Burnaby, BC)
- Songbook stan-

- \_\_\_ Kick Out of You"
- Spring's curly-topped shoots
- Froms opposites
- Ms. Crow
- Seagoing, shortly
- Galilee's locale [abbr.]
- Ms. Birch
- Juno-winning

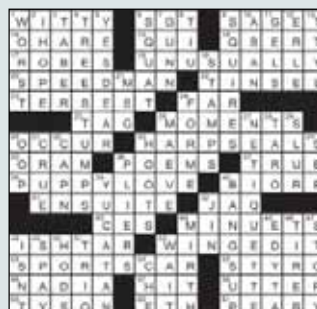
- musician aka Claire Boucher
- Uncertain utterances
- Law: French
- Ancient veil-giver
- Study
- Certain candle
- Actress Ms. Valli
- French 'Mrs.'
- Diminutive



See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).  
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Scoreboard letters over 'o o o' at the start of a game of #54-Across
- War of 1812 heroine, b.1775 - d.1868: 2 wds.
- Clark Kent's co-worker Jimmy
- "Get Here" by \_\_\_ Adams
- "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
- Take \_\_\_ at (Attempt)
- "Cheers" barmaid
- Prefix with 'angle'
- Toasty tray tidbit
- The Great \_\_\_
- Michie \_\_\_, Canadian rapper
- PEI part [abbr.]
- After-Exodus bk.
- Ancient cloak
- Tony-winning Canadian actress Ms. Smith (b.1921 - d.1993)
- Mr. Burton
- Hawaiian island
- Wheat type
- \_\_\_-Out (Bic product)
- Li'l dollar parts
- Gardener's tool
- Hole-punching tool
- Ad \_\_\_ (Relevant)
- "Thou, too, sail \_\_\_, Ship of State!" - Longfellow
- Pool stick

## Yesterday's Crossword

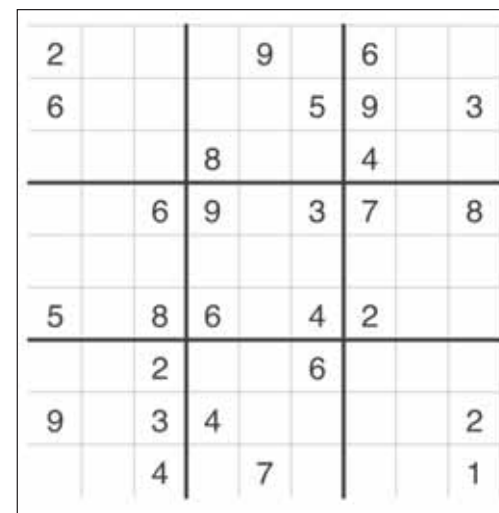


## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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